

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2007. In this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Claim 7 was previously cancelled. Following entry of this amendment, claims 1-6 and 8 shall be pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1-6 and 8 have been rejected on Section 112 grounds and on various prior art grounds. The applicant hereby requests reconsideration of claims 1-6 and 8 in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 112.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 8 on grounds that the terms "thin" and "substrate sheet" are not sufficiently definite under the second paragraph of Section 112. Without conceding the rejection and in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application only, these terms are deleted from claim 1. Hence, it is submitted that the rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 103(A) BASED ON U.S. PAT. APPLICATION PUB. NO. 2004/0207809 BLACKBURN ET AL. U.S. PAT. No. 6,113,813 GOUDJIL, U.S. PAT. No. 4,962, 013 TATEOKA ET AL., U.S. PAT. No. 5,449,558 HASEWAGA ET AL., AND U.S. PAT. No. 6,309,313 PETER.

Claims 1-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of the above-cited references. The primary references relied upon in these rejections is *Blackburn* and/or *Goudjil*. For the reasons set forth below, these rejections are hereby traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to more specifically recite the formulation of the polyurethane film that enables optimization of the present invention. In particular, claim 1 now recites a polyurethane film layer having a high molecular weight resulting from the curing and casting of a formulation wherein the ratio of hydroxyl or amine groups to isocyanate groups in the formulation is in the range of 0.98 to 1.2. Claim 1 has also

been amended to recite that the polyurethane film is sandwiched between inner and outer polycarbonate sheets. Support for these new recitations can be found in the present application at least in paragraph [0022] and paragraph [0072], respectively, of the present application (in its published form). No new matter is added.

Both *Blackburn* and *Goudjil* have been discussed at length in previous amendments. Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's continued reliance on these references and incorporates all of Applicant's previous arguments by reference. Nonetheless, the amendments identified above are added to yet further distance the present invention from both *Blackburn* and *Goudjil*.

Neither of these references discloses nor suggests the use of a high molecular weight polyurethane according to the formulation claimed. Nor do these references disclose a polyurethane sandwiched between inner and outer polycarbonate sheets as now claimed. Finally, none of the secondary references make up for these deficiencies of *Blackburn* and *Goudjil*.

The recited polyurethane and the cited polycarbonate sheets lead to a laminate film that is particularly useful and optimal for implementing the presently claimed invention in an injection molded process for optical lenses. For the aforesaid reasons, the presently claimed invention is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious by the references asserted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is submitted that the prior art rejections should be withdrawn and the claims indicated as allowable.

As to claims 2-6 and 8, these claims depend from allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons. However, these claims further define and describe the present invention and are patentable over and above claim 1. As such, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

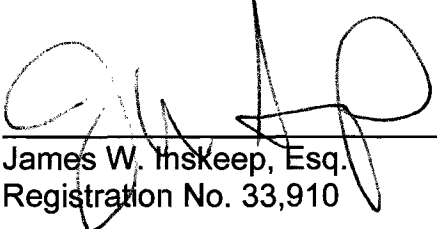
In view of the foregoing, it is demonstrated that none of the prior art cited renders obvious, alone or in combination, currently pending claims 1-6 and 8. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all of the rejections and issue a notice of allowance of all claims.

If for any reason direct communication with Applicants' attorney would serve to advance prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is cordially urged to call the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-2809.

Respectfully submitted,

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